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Serial No. 09/889,711 - Filed July 18, 2001
Our Ref : SYP-159

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Comments/Notes:

Dear Examiner Naff:

Attached is An Amendment and Response to be filed in connection with the referenced Office Action.

I look forward to discussing this response with you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Andrew T. Karnakis'.

Andrew T. Karnakis
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Applicant(s) : Bienvenut et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 13, 2004 (the "Office Action") in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.